April, 1922, found Dr. Sun campaigning in the vicinity of Kweilin, with his funds completely exhausted. When he decided to return to Canton to raise more money General Chen Chiung-ming intimated that he would not be allowed to pass. About the same time Chen resigned from the Civil Governorship, and was dismissed from the post of Commander-in-Chief. He left Canton. So too, did Tang Shao-yi, who retired to his native village, where he made no secret, to callers, of his opposition to Dr. Sun's military adventures.

Conditions in Kwangsi at this time beggared description. Correspondents from all parts of the province depicted an appalling state of affairs. Houses and schools were looted and destroyed by Dr, Sun's unpaid, ragamuffin troops. Scores of people were barbarously executed daily. The army of the "Constitutional" Government virtually succeeded in turning the province into a desert. The population sighed for the return of their former military rulers, whose administration had been mild compared with the misrule of Dr. Sun and his subordinates.

The dismissal of General Chen Chiung-ming brought matters to a crisis. His subordinate com-manders and troops became mutinous when they heard the news. And he was induced to head a movement to drive Dr. Sun out of the

province. Dr. Sun hurriedly returned to Canton, which was occupied by General Chen's forces on the night of June 15—16, 1922. He then took refuge on a Chinese gunboat, leaving his wife to escape in disguise when his residence was attacked. Oa